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1. In July 1951 there was a unit of the North Korean Boys' Association in Hago-nyon (129-37, 40-54) (EA 5227), Myongch'on-gun, North Fangyong Province, the members of which were boys in the fourth or fifth year of primary school, aged 13 to 15 years. The purpose of the association was to encourage in the boys support of the Labor Party line, to develop leadership ability, to train them in obedience, and to promote their morale. The organization of the Boys' Association is based upon units of from four to seven members, each of which has a chief and assistant chief elected from the members. A squad is composed of about ten units and is headed by a chairman and a committee of three; the chairman is elected from the members, while the committee is appointed by the chairman on the recommendation of the members. A Boys' Association adviser is assigned to each school. The association fee is five North Korean won per month, and tuition varies from the ten won charged wealthier members to the five won paid by poorer members. Boys without parents pay nothing. Two hours a week the members take military training with wooden guns.
2. Tasks assigned the Boys' Association members include the collection of scrap iron, glass, and discarded items such as old rubber shoes. They also participate in propaganda activities by putting up propaganda posters and visiting citizens homes to report the war news.
3. In July 1951 the Boys' Association in Hago-nyon was being taught the following propaganda points:
- a. The United States is being defeated in the war because the common people of the country are oppressed by the government, while the North Korean government is striving for equal living conditions for all.
- b. Under a democratic form of government, people can live in peace without being dominated by other powers and can live without war. But in undemocratic nations, the privileged live well and attempt to interfere with other nations and make them colonies. Therefore the democratic nations, including North Korea, should and will win the war.

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- 2o. The war fighting south of Seoul at present. The United States is attempting to make Korea her colony, but Soviet Russia is helping Korea to become a socialist society.

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